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SUBJECT: CODEL WOLFF

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1. WE WOULD WELCOME TENTATIVE VISIT CODEL WOLFF TO INDONESIA AND WOULD TRY TO ARRANGE USEFUL PROGRAM. HOWEVER, BREVITY OF VISIT AND PROPOSED AUGUST 9-11 DATES PRESENT DIFFICULT SCHEDULING PROBLEMS.

2. CODEL'S ARRIVAL IN JAKARTA MID-DAY SATURDAY WOULD EFFECTIVELY LEAVE ONLY MONDAY MORNING AVAILABLE FOR CALLS ON INDONESIAN OFFICIALS. AT MOST TWO APPOINTMENTS COULD BE SCHEDULED MONDAY MORNING. WE HAVE NEVER HAD SUCCESS WITH EFFORTS FOR SUNDAY CALLS.

3. FURTHER, AUGUST 17 IS 30TH ANNIVERSARY INDONESIAN INDEPENDENCE. PAST EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT, EVEN IN LESS SIGNIFICANT ANNIVERSARY, OFFICIALS PREOCCUPIED WITH SPECIAL EVENTS WHICH USUALLY START SEVERAL DAYS BEFMRE ACTUAL DATE.

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4. SOCIAL EVENTS DURING WEEKEND WOULD PROBABLY NOT PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE CONTACT WITH LEADING INDONESIANS. FEW MINISTERS OR OTHER HIGH OFFICIALS ACCEPT INVITATIONS FOR WEEKEND EVENTS; FOREIGN DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED BY FORMAL NOTE THAT EMBASSIES AVOID SCHEDULING WEEKEND ENTERTAINMENT.

5. QUITE APART FROM FOREGOING, WE HAVE SPECIAL SITUATION HERE. INDONESIANS ANXIOUS ESTABLISH MORE EFFECTIVE RELATIONS WITH MEMBERS U.S. CONGRESS AND WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY WELCOME DELEGATION AND SEEK TO ARRANGE BEST PROGRAM POSSIBLE. THEY WOULD BE KEENLY DISAPPOINTED, HOWEVER, IF DELEGATION CAME DURING PERIOD WHEN SUCH FULL PROGRAMMING WAS DIFFICULT.

6. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, WE HAVE, PRIMARILY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY IN CONTEXT HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEM, BEEN WORKING TOWARD ISSUANCE BY INDONESIAN PARLIAMENT OF OFFICIAL INVITATION TO U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION. IF SCHEDULING OF WOLFF DELEGATION IS INDEED STILL TENTATIVE,, WE CAN SEE ADVANTAGES HERE IN THEIR OMITTING JAKARTA AT THIS TIME AND IN OUR CONTINUING PLANNING FOR PROGRAM OF CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION IN RESPONSE INDONESIAN INVITATION AT MORE CONVENIENT TIME IN FUTURE.

7. IF DEPARTMENT DOES NOT FEEL WE SHOULD ENCOURAGE SUCH SHIFT, BELIEVE WE SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED INFORM INDONESIAN AUTHORITIES AND INDONESIAN PARLIAMENTARY OFFICIALS OF CODEL WOLFF VISIT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, EXPLAINING THAT IMPORTANT DELEGATION IS VISITING EAST ASIA AND DESIRES STOP IN INDONESIA BUT THAT THIS SEPARATE FROM LATER PROPOSED VISIT OF DELEGATION WITH SPECIAL INTERESTS IN INDONESIA. APPROACH WOULD BE MORE FAVORABLY RECEIVED IF DELEGATION COULD AVOID WEEKEND, PERHAPS BY MAKING INDONESIA FIRST CALL AFTER GUAM.
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